[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE HON. CHAIRMAN *RE*

(1) MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" I have to announce to the House that I have received the following messages, dated 13th August 1954, from Hon. the Speaker, Madras Legislative Assembly :—

'(1) In accordance with rule 99 of the Madras Assembly Rules, I tranmit a copy of the Madras Estates Land (Reduction of Rent) Amendment Bill, 1954 (L.A. Bill No. 32 of 1954), as passed by the Assembly on the 13th August 1954, and signed by me, for the concurrence of the Council.'

'(2) In accordance with rule 99 of the Madras Assembly Rules, I transmit a copy of the Societies Registration (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1954 (L.A. Bill No. 35 of 1954), as passed by the Assembly on the 13th August 1954, and signed by me, for the concurrence of the Council.'

'(3) In accordance with rule 99 of the Madras Assembly Rules, I transmit a copy of the Madras Commercial Crops Market (Amendment) Bill, 1954 (L.A. Bill No. 36 of 1954), as passed by the Assembly on the 13th August 1954, and signed by me, for the concurrence of the Council.'

'(4) In accordance with rule 112 of the Madras Assembly Rules. I transmit a copy of the Madras Installation of Oil Engines (Temporary Permission) Bill, 1954 (L.C. Bill No. 9 of 1954), as agreed to by the Assembly without any amendment and signed by me.'

'(5) In accordance with sub-rule (2) of rule 105 of the Madras Assembly Rules, I have the honour to intimate that the amendments made by the Council in the Madras Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (Amendment) Bill, 1954 (L.A. Bill No. 27 of 1954), were taken into consideration by the Assembly at its meeting held on the 13th August 1954, and that the Assembly has disagreed to the amendments made by the Council.' "

(2) NOMINATION OF A MEMBER TO THE RULES COMMITTEE

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" I have also to announce to the House that under rule 135 of the Madras Council Rules, I have nominated Sri V. Bashyam Ayyangar to be a Member of the Rules Committee."

III.—FELICITATIONS ON CONFERMENT OF INDEPENDENCE DAY AWARDS ON TWO HON. MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE.

* THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Mr. Chairman, Sir, we, in this House, are indeed happy that the President of India has been good enough to confer on the Independence Day titles on two hon. Members of this House. The title of '*Bharat Ratna*' has been conferred on the hon. Member Sri C. Rajagopalachari. The title of '*Padma Vibhushan*' has been conferred on the Hon. the Leader of the Opposition and he is fortunately here in this House to-day. May I request the Chair to convey these distinguished recipients of the titles the warmest felicitations of this House."

* DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Sir, may I join wholeheartedly in the congratulations to two hon. Members of this House on the titles conferred on them by the President. About hon. Members Sri C. Rajagopalachari and Dr. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliyar, I need not say anything to this House. They are so well known,